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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2007, wherein the Examiner indicated that claims 4, 5 and 7-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter. By the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 4. Original claim 4 is canceled. Claim 5 is rewritten to be dependent from claim 1. Claims 18-19 and the non-elected claims 13-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Claims 2-3 and 9-12 are retained without amendment.

The applicant also files new claims 20-28, corresponding to claims and subject matter already examined by the Examiner. Independent claim 20 has been added which includes all of the limitations of the original claims 1 and 7. Likewise, dependent claims 21-28, depending from claim 20, have been added which include all of the limitations from dependent claims 2, 3, 6 and 8-12, respectively. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

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of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43581X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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